

2004 Small Grants Program Conference

December 2 - December 3, 2004

Washington, DC



**Food Assistance and
Nutrition Research Program**

Mission: Economic Research for a Healthy, Well-Nourished America

Small Grants Program Conference

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program

Economic Research Service, Waugh Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 1800 M Street, NW

Thursday, December 2

8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am

Welcome and Introductions

Phil Fulton, Associate Administrator, ERS, USDA

8:45 am

Session 1: Economics of Obesity

Moderator: Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu, Director, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

Economic Burden of Obesity Among Uninsured Individuals in the Rural South: A Case Study of Southeastern Kentucky
Eric Scorsone and Janet Tietzen University of Kentucky
Discussant: Marcia Brand, Office of Rural Health Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The Economic Impact of Obesity in the South: Assessing Medical Spending Attributable to Obesity
Jerome R. Kolbo, Amal Khoury, and Wendy Bounds University of Southern Mississippi
Discussant: Chad Meyerhoefer, Agency for Healthcare Research Quality, HHS

Social and Policy Contribution to the Rise in the Prevalence of the U.S. Population Overweight and/or Obese: An Age-Period Cohort Analysis
Beth Osborne Daponte Yale University
Andrew Cook Carnegie Mellon University
Discussant: Jay Variyam, ERS, USDA

10:15 am

Break

10:30 am

Session 2: Food Insecurity and Childhood Obesity

Moderator: Lucia Kaiser, Department of Nutrition, University of California-Davis

Women, Infants, and the Food Environment: Influences on Food Security and Obesity
Barbara Laraia and Peggy Bentley University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Discussant: Ronette Briefel, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

The Links Between Food Insecurity, Food Program Participation, and Overweight Status in Children: Evidence from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey (ECLS)
Diego Rose Tulane University
Discussant: Paul Strasberg, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA

Food Stamps and Food Insecurity: Results from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey, Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 (ECLS-K)

Christina Gibson-Davis Duke University
Discussant: Craig Gundersen, Iowa State University

12:00 pm

Lunch at ERS

1:00 pm

Session 3: Food Assistance Program Participation and Household Well-Being

Moderator: John Karl Scholz, Director, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Effects of Weight History, Resource Cycling, and Fast Food on Overall Diet Quality and Health in Low-Income Louisiana Women
Carol E. O'Neil and Pamela Monroe Louisiana State University
Discussant: Jane Mandell, FNS, USDA

The Changing Association between Prenatal Participation in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Birth Outcomes in New York City
Ted Joyce and Diane Gibson Baruch College, City University of New York
Discussant: Anne Marie Golla, ERS, USDA

2:00 pm

Break

2:15 pm

Session 3: Food Assistance Program Participation and Household Well-Being (continued)

Does WIC Reduce Prenatal Substance Abuse?
Geetha Waehrer Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation
Discussant: Douglas Hess, George Washington University

Are Economic Incentives Useful for Improving Dietary Quality Among WIC Participants and Their Families?
Dena Herman University of California-Los Angeles
Discussant: Tracy Fox, Food, Nutrition & Policy Consultants, LLC

3:15 pm

Adjournment

Tour of the National Museum of the American Indian (Pre-conference reservation required)

Program Agenda



Friday, December 3

8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am

Welcome, Announcements

8:45 am

Session 4: Community Influence on Food Assistance and Dietary Choices

Moderator: Jay Stauss, Director, American Indian Studies Program, University of Arizona

Geographic Variation in Food Stamp and Other Assistance Program Participation Rates: Identifying Poverty Pockets in the South

William Hoyt and Frank ScottUniversity of Kentucky
Discussant: John Cromartie, ERS, USDA

Nutritional Balance Through Traditional Ojibwa Foods

Debra J ParrishKeweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

Discussant: Laura Tiehen, ERS, USDA

Child Nutrition Issues

Ben JohnsonFort Peck Community College
Discussant: Joanne Guthrie, ERS, USDA

10:15 am

Break

10:30 am

Session 4: Community Influence on Food Assistance and Dietary Choices (continued)

Participation of Latino/Hispanic Population in the Food Stamp Program in the South

Safdar Muhammad and Fisseha TegegneTennessee State University
Discussant: William Kandel, ERS, USDA

Use of A "Contract for Change" To Evaluate the Effectiveness of Nutrition Education To Increase Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in Low Income Women

Francene Steinberg, Karrie M. Cesario-Heneman, Amy Block-Joy, Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, Susan Donohue, Linda Garcia, Anna Martin, Diane Metz, Dorothy Smith, and Estella WestUniversity of California-Davis
Discussant: Helen Chipman, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), USDA

Adapting the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) To Meet the Changing Needs of Food-Assistance-Eligible Families: Investigating the Results of Program Responses to Welfare Reform

Jamie Dollahite and

Katherine DickinCornell University

Discussant: Linda K. Benning, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges

12:00 pm

Lunch at ERS

1:00 pm

Session 5: Welfare Reform and Food Assistance Participation

Moderator: Robert LaLonde, Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago

Welfare Reform and Nutritional Well-Being

Thomas DeLeireHarvard University

Helen LevyUniversity of Chicago

Discussant: Peter Basiotis, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA

Food Security: Transitions and Stability in the Context of Welfare Reform

Andrew LondonSyracuse University,

Ellen K. ScottUniversity of Oregon

Discussant: Shelly Ver Ploeg, ERS, USDA

The Role of Food Stamp and WIC Take-Up on the Welfare Careers and Self-Sufficiency Pathways of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Recipients

Mairead ReidyUniversity of Chicago

Discussant: Mark Prell, ERS, USDA

Food Security Status of Non-Profit Food Assistance Recipients in Selected Southern States

Odili OnianwaAlabama A&M University

Fisseha TegegneTennessee State University

Godfrey EjimakorNorth Carolina A&T University

Andrew ZekeriTuskegee University

Discussant: Mark Nord, ERS, USDA

3:00 pm

Adjournment



Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program

USDA's Economic Research Service

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program Small Grants Program Adminstrating Institutions



★ **American Indian Studies Program,
University of Arizona**
Focus: *The relationship between food assistance programs on reservations and family poverty.*
Director: Jay Stauss

★ **Southern Rural Development Center,
Mississippi State University**
Focus: *Food assistance research issues for rural people, families, and communities in the South.*
Director: Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu

★ **Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public
Policy Studies, University of Chicago**
Focus: *Interactions between food assistance and other welfare programs, and the effects of the macroeconomy on the need for food assistance, level of participation, and food assistance program costs.*
Director: Robert LaLonde

★ **Institute for Research on Poverty,
University of Wisconsin**
Focus: *The effects of food assistance programs on food security, income security, and other indicators of well-being among low-income individuals and families.*
Director: John Karl Scholz

★ **Department of Nutrition at the University
of California-Davis**
Focus: *The impact of food assistance programs on nutritional risk indicators (anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, and dietary), food purchasing practices, and food insecurity.*
Director: Lucia Kaiser

For more information, contact Eileen Stommes
email: estommes@ers.usda.gov Phone: (202) 694-5414

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program
Economic Research Service, USDA

Website
www.ers.usda.gov